Public Law 97-262
97th Congress

Joint Resolution

Sept. 22, 1982
[S.J. Res. 250]

To provide for resolution of the single outstanding issue in the current railway labor-management dispute, and for other purposes.

Whereas the labor dispute between the carriers represented by the National Carriers' Conference Committee of the National Railway Labor Conference and certain of their employees represented by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers threatens essential transportation services of the Nation;

Whereas it is essential to the national interest, including the national health and defense, that essential transportation services be maintained;

Whereas all of the procedures for resolving such dispute provided for in the Railway Labor Act have been exhausted and the parties have resorted to self help;

Whereas the Congress finds that emergency measures are essential to security and continuity of transportation services by such carriers;

Whereas all of the other negotiations for a national agreement by the rail carriers and the representatives of other railroad employees have been successfully completed, including the negotiations of the carriers and the United Transportation Union that were resolved through the Report and Recommendations of Presidential Emergency Board Numbered 195; and

Whereas the Recommendations of Presidential Emergency Board Numbered 194 for settlement of this dispute have led to agreement of the parties on all but a single issue, and the recommendation on that issue would preserve the employees' collective bargaining rights within the peaceful procedures of the Railway Labor Act: Now, therefore, in order to preserve the national interest in essential transportation services, be it

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45 USC 151.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, consistent with the purposes of the Railway Labor Act to avoid any labor dispute that threatens substantially to interrupt interstate commerce to a degree such as to deprive any section of the country of essential transportation service—

(1) the parties to the dispute between the carriers represented by the National Carriers' Conference Committee of the National Railway Labor Conference and certain of their employees represented by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers shall take all necessary steps to restore service, and the status quo of the parties shall return to that which was in effect prior to 12:01 antemeridian of September 19, 1982, which status shall remain in effect through June 30, 1984, and which status shall be subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this joint resolution; and

(2) the Report and Recommendations of the Presidential Emergency Board Numbered 194, dated August 19, 1982 (includ-

ing the recommendations regarding moratorium issues), shall be binding on the parties and shall have the same effect as though arrived at by agreement of the parties under the Railway Labor Act (45 U.S.C. 151 et seq.), and shall be effective for the period from April 1, 1981, through June 30, 1984: *Provided*, That nothing in this joint resolution shall prevent any mutual agreement by the parties to implement the terms and conditions established by this joint resolution.

Effective date

SEC. 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon enactment.

Approved September 22, 1982.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. J. Res. 250 (H. J. Res. 600):

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Sept. 22, Presidential statement.